

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 1 - 119 are requested to be cancelled, and claims 120 - 137 are being added. In particular, the new claims are directed to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:3 and the corresponding polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:35.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Because new claims 120-137 do not introduce new matter, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 120 - 137 are now pending in this application.

The present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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